

# PTA The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. G. S. Tanza

**ADAMS**  
A special assembly was held at Adams Elementary School on Thursday, March 3, to honor students receiving Safety Awards. Mrs. Dorothy Cook, PTA Safety chairman, was in charge of the program. Mrs. William Wingo, Adams teacher, presented the awards to Chris Thollen, A. M. kindergarten; Kimberly Berrardelli, P. M. kindergarten; Joann Duarte, 2nd grade; Debbie Mehal, 5th grade; and Loretta Abeyta, 7th grade. Mrs. E. C. Muehler, ways and means chairman, announced that March 25 is the date for the paper drive and she also is taking names of those interested in joining the new Bowling League.

**EDISON**  
Edison PTA honored Mrs. Paul Heronime at the February PTA meeting with an Honorary Life Membership. Mrs. Heronime received her award for years of service in PTA, Scouting and the community. As Library chairman of the PTA, she organized student field trips to North Torrance Library and her efforts have brought many donations of books to the library.

Officers for 1966-67, elected at the March 10 meeting, are Mmes. George Hausaur, president; Robert Edgington, Shattuck Jones and Denny Haas, vice presidents; Maury Bruner, recording secretary; William Bennett, corresponding secretary; Kenneth Kuykendall, treasurer; Lee Rock, auditor; and Robert Thevathen, historian. The program featured Edison 8th grade students who participated in the North High Speech Tournament. Susan McCain, Carl Hausauer, Bob Burnett, Kathy Winchell, Teri Boodman, Karen Lackey and Lori Rotolante.

**NEWTON**  
Newton PTA will hold its annual Bicycle Rodeo on Thursday, March 24, at 9:30 a.m. on the school playground. Mrs. Alphonso Cardenas is in charge of the event. Children are asked to bring their bicycles to school to be checked and licensed. The licenses cost one dollar and are valid for three years. Officers from the Torrance Police and Fire Depts. will conduct both written and skill tests. The student scoring the highest on both tests will represent Newton School in the Torrance city-wide rodeo to be held in May.

At the Founders Day meeting in February the PTA awarded Honorary Life Memberships to Mrs. Frank Adair and Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Bonette.

**PERRY**  
Perry PTA meeting was held on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. and election of new officers for 1966-67 preceded the program presented by Mr. Joe Brandon, principal, who explained the theory of the new method of teaching Modern Math and displayed various books on the subject. Mrs. Joseph Soukup, teacher in 6th and 7th grade, presented new Spanish teaching methods and demonstrated the newest types of Spanish language films and tape recordings. Many of her students assisted in the demonstration. This is a two-section learning process. Mrs. Bernard McGuire, 8th grade teacher, also demonstrated Spanish instruction with the use of earphones and recording tape.

In February, Perry PTA

presented Honorary Life Membership awards to John Lankford, 7th and 8th grade Perry teacher, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rickabaugh for their outstanding service to youth groups. The first homecoming of Perry PTA was very successful. Ten students attending the school before 1947 have been located. The executive board members baked 20 cakes which were sent to Juvenile Hall.

**HOWARD WOOD**  
Howard Wood will meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 21. The election of officers will take place and a hobby and fashion show will highlight the evening. 7th and 8th grade girls will model clothes made in the home-making class and boys will display shop projects.

Antique autos, paintings, ceramics, woodworking and model cars will be evidence of parent and student participation in the hobby show.

A paper drive is scheduled for March 30 on the school grounds from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the back gate. A successful bicycle rodeo and licensing took place at Wood on March 11. The Silver Tea and Founders Day program was enhanced by participation of the school band under the leadership of Mr. Snyder, and students participating were: dancers, Judy Jackson and Linda Murray; electric guitarists, Dave Pack and Scott Barrera; and hostesses Mmes. Charles Griffin, Honorary Life Membership recipient, and Mrs. Hiro Muranaka, Council PTA president, who assisted with pouring coffee and tea.

**VICTOR**  
"A Watchful Eye at All Times" will be the theme of the March 23, 7:30 p.m. meeting of Victor PTA in the Victor School cafeteria. Officer R. L. Schwaback, Juvenile Investigator of the Torrance Police Dept. will be guest speaker. Mrs. Paul Zachan, Juvenile Protection chairman, will be featured chairman. The artistic efforts of many students will be a special display. Girl Scout troop 788 will present the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mrs. Gordon Kent, president; Mmes. Harvey Horwich, Russell McElroy, and Albert Robertson, vice presidents; Harold Stout, recording secretary; Roscoe Knapp, corresponding secretary; Virgil Gaul, treasurer; Ralph Brubaker, historian; and Gordon Kent, auditor, is the slate offered for election. Honorary memberships awarded at the February meeting were to Mrs. Russell McElroy, second vice president; Mrs. Chris Eliopoulos, hospitality chairman; and to Mr. Harvey Horwich, auditor.

**YUKON**  
Yukon PTA met on March 17 and enjoyed a Spanish Fiesta offered by students and teachers. Mrs. George Isehauser and Mrs. Joel Mays discussed the Audio-Lingual methods used in teaching Spanish in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Los Tres Osos (The three bears) was presented by the 6th graders and several songs were sung. 7th and 8th graders presented a Spanish lesson. Officers were elected for 1966-67. Mrs. Mays conducted the flag salute and Mrs. Val Keller, Youth Group coordinator and Mrs. LeRoy Hays, safety and civil defense chairman, were featured. Hostesses were from rooms 7 and 8.

## Get-Acquainted Coffee Set by Women's League

With election season under way, local women have the opportunity to join the League of Women Voters functions and current program. There will be no charge. A league handbook will be given to all guests. Reservations and information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Birdsall or Mrs. Sidney Wiener.

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## Driftwood Sculpture Exhibit at Marymount

A Benedictine monk, who began the study of driftwood sculpture at the age of 12 in the mountains of Indonesia, will stage his first Los Angeles exhibition of these weather-beaten pieces at Marymount College from March 20 to April 2.

He is Father Thaddeus Yang, a member of the Benedictine community of St. Andrew's Priory in Valerme, near Palmdele, who will show 53 recent pieces. Born in Indonesia of Buddhist parents, Father Yang accompanies his father into the mountains for prayer and meditation, and there he learned the rudiments of driftwood sculpture by observing his father carve designs and figures from driftwood, then polishing them with his fingers and the bare palm of his hand.

Later Father Yang studied at Louvain University in Belgium, where he received a Ph. D. in Political Science and Diplomacy. He became a Catholic there and joined the Benedictine Order at Abbe de St. Andre in Bruges.

He was sent to China as a missionary, and with the Communist takeover of the country, he was expelled with other members of the clergy. Some 10 years ago he helped establish St. Andrew's in Valerme, on the former Hidden Springs Ranch, and there he returned to driftwood sculpture.

## Fashion Show Staged by Girls League

"Fly Me to the Moon" was the theme of the Girls' League fashion show held recently at North High School, Torrance. Graduating senior girls were honored during the program.

Rose Cerda, Girls' League president, narrated the script written by Janice Cohn. Janet Hanson spoke on Girls' State and Girls' League A-Go-Go Dancers performed during half-time.

Class of '66 sweaters were modeled by ASB president Dave Shilling and Basketball Royalty Queen Mitze Cerda. Clothes from Hartfields, South Bay Center, were modeled by Diana Ingorsoll, Pat Franco, Anna Genova, Sue Gurin, Valeria Fulton, Beverly Sawyer, Yvonne Kriens, Karen Long, Linda Katsuki and Judy Hester.

Rick Nissen, Steve Sibley, and Toki Katsuki escorted the models. Piano accompaniment was provided by Sue Martin and Mary Jonas. Mrs. Tommie Gardner and Mrs. Frances Voorhees are Girls' League sponsors.

## Dianas to Host District Meet

Redondo Beach Dianas Junior Women's Club will host the Marina District Conference on March 28 at 7:45 p.m. The event will be held at the Monroe Junior High School in Inglewood.

Mrs. Dale Newman, district president, will preside at the meeting. Agenda will include Teen-age Miss Contest, American Essay Contest and Election of District officers. The Dianas are affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

A reception honoring Father Yang will be held on Sunday, March 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the lounge of St. Gertrude's Hall at Marymount College in Palos Verdes Estates. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Methger of San Pedro are parents of the bridegroom. Given in marriage by her brother, Harry Swank, the bride wore a white lace and silk gown fashioned with a train. A lace petal headpiece held her silk illusion veil and she carried white orchids encircled by white carnations.

In long mint green gowns, bridal attendants were Miss Cheryl Lansaw, maid of honor; Misses Jean Pfeiffer, Linda Morgan and Patti Gregory, bridesmaids.

Wayne Methger stood as best man and ushers were Dennis and David Methger and Mike Miller. Rev. Paul Cox officiated at the marriage ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Pedro.

The bride, a graduate of Narbonne High, is employed by Pacific Telephone. Her husband, a graduate of San Pedro High, is a Standard Oil Co. employee.

## Beta Alphas Will Study The 'Drama'

Mrs. William Morris, 5009 Via Sereno, will be hostess for the March 23 meeting of Beta Alpha Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority at 8 p.m.

The cultural program based on "Drama" will be in charge of Mrs. Roger Markle and Mrs. Bill Everson. Assisting them will be professional actor Harry Holcombe and his son, Theodore Holcombe.

The Pledge Ritual ceremony will be presented for Mrs. G. T. Aldridge, Jr. and Mrs. Kay Johnson.

Guests of the evening will be Mrs. Marion Martin of San Diego and Mrs. Stewart Laurie of Waco, Texas.

## Winner Is Announced

California's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Frances See-Ling Chew of Granada Hills High School, Granada Hills. She will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills for gaining the highest score in the state in a written homemaking examination.

Senior girls from the Torrance High schools participated in the annual contest. Miss Cheryl Rene Ward of West High School, Torrance, received honorable mention in the state contest.



MRS. KEITH METHGER (Portrait by Seeman)

## Swank-Methger Vows

Returning from a San Francisco honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Keith A. Methger are now at home in San Pedro. Married recently in an evening ceremony at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the bride is the former Cynthia A. Swank, daughter of Mrs. Lorraine Swank, 22610 Pennsylvania Ave., Torrance.

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## Family Honors Mrs. W. Moyer

A surprise family dinner party at the Velvet Turtle on March 10, honored Mrs. W. C. Moyer, 1617 Arlington, on her birthday anniversary.

Enjoying the dinner with the honoree were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Koll and Karen and Kristy of Los Angeles, and another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mowry and Janice and Jody of La Mirada.

After dinner the group returned to Mrs. Moyer's home for a beautifully decorated birthday cake and gifts.

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